Claims

1. A method of cataloging substantially all interactions with substantially all versions of a document on a computer network comprising:

determining that the document has entered the network;

creating a history for the document, the history comprising references to each copy of the document on the network and each version of the document on the network; and

updating the history each time a copy of the document or a version of the document is interacted with.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

analyzing an interaction with the document to determine if an alert should be generated.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

analyzing an interaction with the document to determine if an alert should be generated.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

disallowing an interaction with the document if the interaction is not permissible.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining the document is same as a preexisting document residing in the computer network.

6. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

utilizing a hash function to determine if the document is the same as the preexisting document.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

storing the history in a database.

8. A method of tracking documents on a computer network comprising:

receiving an indication that either a copy of a document or a version of the document has been accessed;

determining if a history for the document exists; and

updating the history assigned to the document.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

analyzing an interaction with the document to determine if an alert should be generated.

10. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

analyzing an interaction with the document to determine if an alert should be generated.

11. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

disallowing an interaction with the document if the interaction is not permissible.

12. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

determining the document is same as a preexisting document residing in the computer network.

13. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

utilizing a hash function to determine if the document is the same as the preexisting document.

14. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

storing the history in a database.

15. A system for tracking documents on a computer network comprising:

a pre-processing module that receives a signal indicating that a document in the computer network has been accessed by a user;

a processing engine that analyzes the signal to determine if the document is the same as a pre-existing document having a history associated therewith; and

a notification engine that causes the user of the document to be notified if the document being accessed has pre-defined characteristics.